

GERMANS FIRE ON ANOTHER VESSEL CARRYING AMERICAN CITIZENS

GERMANS IN VAST MOVE ARE ATTEMPTING A BLOW AIMED AT DESTROYING RUSS ARMY

Riga, Great Seaport, Believed Goal of an Offensive of Huge Proportions.

ONLY 80 MILES AWAY

Teutons Leave a Trail of Ruin Along Baltic From Memel to Libau.

Berlin, July 17 (By wireless to Sayville).—The Overseas News agency announced today that the German authorities have obtained accurate figures showing the French losses in the great Arras battle totaled 74,500 in killed, wounded and captured.

London, July 17.—A new German offensive of huge proportions, with Riga, a great Russian seaport and the seat of the governor general of the Baltic provinces, as its objective, is revealed in the last official statements issued at Petrograd and Berlin.

Military experts here construe the offensive to be a vast enveloping movement in which the Germans are attempting to destroy the Russian army. Both the German and Russian communications agree that the German forces are at the Windau river near Goldingen, which is only 80 miles from Riga, the great strategic commercial metropolis in the gulf of Riga and on the upper Baltic.

A statement received this morning from Petrograd adds details of sanguinary fighting all along the new line in efforts to hold back the German advance which now is being concentrated on Riga and on Warsaw, while the Austro-Hungarians are moving northward from the Dniester river.

Advices reaching London today say that the Germans left a trail of destruction along the Baltic sea from Memel to Libau, where the villas, hotels and casinos are alleged to have been destroyed, about the only exception, it is said, being the palace of a Polish nobleman whose cousin married an American woman.

The Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm's drive in the Argonne forest now is accepted as a small success, in gaining a few hundred yards of territory, but as a failure in attaining its real object, a decisive penetration of the French line.

Austrians Lose Heavily.
Geneva, Switzerland, July 16 (via Paris July 16).—(Delayed by censor).—The Tribune prints the following dispatch from its correspondent at the front:

"Austro-Hungarian forces which attempted to dislodge the Russians from positions along the Vistula river have been repulsed with heavy losses. The Russians, attacking in turn, occupied a mile of the Austrian trenches.

"Fresh Russian batteries which have arrived and which have been posted on the Zech river have begun to bombard the passage across the Dniester river south of Zaleskoye, obliging the Austrians to recross the river. Their retreat is being converted into a rout by Russian bayonet attacks.

"East of Horodenka the Austrians occupying the left bank of the Dniester have been dislodged after a fierce hand to hand struggle.

"On the Stripa river the Russians have succeeded in temporarily arresting the Austrian offensive."

THAW HAS SLEEP IN A BEACH HOTEL

First Night of Freedom Passes Quietly Among Scenes of His Earlier Wild Life.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 17.—Harry K. Thaw's first night of real freedom in years was spent in restful sleep at a beach front hotel here. After yesterday's weary ride down the state from New York where he was released on bail, Thaw was much refreshed and prepared to spend the day quietly. He remained out of sight early in the day and took breakfast in his room. The dining room of the hotel was crowded. So far as could be learned Thaw has formed no definite plans for the present except to get as much rest as he can. The length of his stay here is not known but it is believed he will go to his home in Pittsburgh in a few days.

Narye to Hold Post.
Petrograd, July 17.—George T. Mafra, Jr., United States ambassador to Russia, today denied the truth of the report circulated in America regarding his resignation. He said he had never contemplated such a step.

WILSON TO STAND PAT ON DEMANDS MADE ON BERLIN

Government Will Not Subordinate Lusitania Case or Rights to Hints From Germany.

Washington, D. C., July 17.—Development in the issue between the United States and Germany awaited today the return of President Wilson from Cornish, N. H.

The president is to take up with Secretary Lansing and other of the cabinet several drafts of an answer to Germany's recent reply to the American note protesting against the German method of submarine warfare. The president will confer with Secretary Lansing on Monday. The cabinet will meet Tuesday.

The new note will reassert the right of Americans on the high seas. It probably will be brief. Until either Great Britain or Germany requests specifically mediation on the subject of submarine warfare and contraband, officials hold that the American government will make no move in this direction, and that this government will not subordinate the Lusitania case or the assertion of its rights at hints from Germany.

Cornish, N. H., July 17.—President Wilson was in communication today with Secretary Lansing regarding the German situation, including the conference held yesterday between the secretary and Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador. There will be no further developments in the situation, however, until the president returns to Washington early next week.

The president played today what was probably the last golf game of his present visit. Members of his family will remain here after his departure for Washington. The president will return later, if possible.

THE WAR TODAY

Associated Press Summary.

A submarine attack made without warning on the British liner Orunda off the British coast was reported by passengers when the steamer arrived at New York today from Liverpool. The Orunda carried 227 passengers including 21 Americans. The torpedo missed her and none of a half dozen shells fired at her when the submarine chased the steamer took effect, those on the liner said.

Russian lines are holding well immediately north of Warsaw where the greatest force of the Teutonic move against the Polish capital is seemingly being exerted, according to the latest statement from Petrograd.

Attacks by "important forces" west of the River Oryz have been repulsed with heavy losses, the Russians claim, and in sections where gains were made by the Germans their further advance was arrested.

A withdrawal of the Russian forces between the Pissa and Oryz rivers to new lines along the Narew in the face of General von Hindenburg's attacks is admitted by Petrograd. The continuation of the German advance in Courland is also conceded. Increasing importance is attached by military observers to this movement in the Baltic provinces.

Field Marshal von Mackensen's army that swept through Galicia is giving signs of renewed activity in pursuance of the assumed plan of the Teutonic forces to attack simultaneously all along the sweeping 800 mile front from the Baltic to Bessarabia. Unofficial reports through Geneva declare that at the lower end of this line Austrian troops who crossed the Dniester have been driven back to the other bank, where their retreat is being turned into a rout.

Fighting on the Austro-Italian front has resulted in few recent changes of positions, according to the latest report from Rome. Numerous attacks by the Austrians on the Italian advanced positions are recorded, all of which are declared to have been repulsed.

Attempts at solution of the South Wales coal strike problem failed for the time being, the miners' executive committee adjourning to Monday after an abortive attempt to reach an agreement or means to secure a settlement.

Clearing Up Ruins of Valdez, Alaska.
Valdez, Alaska, July 17.—Clearing up the ruins of Valdez, the principal part of which was destroyed by fire Thursday, has begun. Active building will start on arrival of lumber, which has been ordered by cable.

The First Bank of Valdez will put up a building of concrete, the first of its kind here. The next boat is expected to bring a new printing plant to replace that of the Prospector, which was almost totally destroyed.

SHE'S TO BE BRIDE OF ARMY OFFICER



Miss Florence Silsby.

Miss Florence Silsby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson Silsby of Washington, is to become the bride of Lieutenant George Lamberth Smith, U. S. A., in September. Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradish Johnson Smith of Stamford, Conn. The news of the engagement has just been made public.

SERIOUS DAMAGE BY RIVER FEARED

Kansas City Warned It May Look for 25-Foot Stage Sunday Night—Child Drowned.

Kansas City, Mo., July 17.—While several tributaries of the Kansas river were falling today, the stream itself had mounted to 21.5 feet at Topeka, a rise of five feet eight inches since yesterday morning, and the local weather bureau warned the big packing concerns and other business interests in the west bottoms here to prepare for a 25-foot stage at Kansas City by Sunday night.

Residents of the low lands east of Kansas City also were charged by the government officials to expect a 30-foot mark in the Missouri river. The Kansas river here this morning stood at 23.5 feet, a fall of two-tenths of a foot over night. The Missouri here was at 27.5 feet, a rise of two-tenths of a foot since yesterday afternoon. If the rivers here go as high as the weather bureau predicts, serious damage is feared.

Scattering rains fell in the Kansas river watershed last night. However, the precipitations of Thursday night, which are being discharged from the tributaries into the main stream, are causing the trouble.

The first death in the swollen waters occurred at Seneca, Kan., early today. An infant son of Benjamin Wichim was drowned when a buggy in which Wichim, his wife and the child were riding was overturned while fording a small stream.

Conditions in northwest Missouri were improved today. No rain fell in the district during the previous 24 hours and all streams are receding gradually. There had been no trains north, east or south from St. Joseph for three days until last night, when service on the Chicago Great Western line was resumed. Country roads near St. Joseph are impassable because many small bridges have been swept away. Not since pioneer days has traveling across the country been so difficult.

Lima, Ohio, July 17.—The river at Lima has dropped as rapidly as it rose and by tomorrow should be at normal level.

Columbus, Ohio, July 17.—The passage of last night without any considerable rainfall resulted in improved conditions early today throughout the Ohio flood district. While many thousands of acres of land remained under water, practically all rivers were stationary or falling, and with clear weather general it was believed the worst had been passed.

FOREIGN MINISTER OF GREECE RETIRES

London, July 17.—Christakis Zographos, foreign minister of Greece, has resigned, according to an Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company.

Although King Constantine's physicians declare his condition is satisfactory and that he is convalescing normally after his severe illness, they have ordered him to abstain from all participation in all political discussions.

M. Zographos became foreign minister in the cabinet formed by M. Gounaris in March, after the retirement of M. Venizelos as premier when the king declined to accept his views regarding the proper attitude for Greece to assume in the war.

STATEHANDS TAKE CHANCE ON PAYCHECK

Employees Told There Is No Assurance They Will Be Paid for Their Labor.

REFUSE TO LEAVE JOBS

Injunction Bills Filed by Munro Are Causing Much Worry at Capital.

Springfield, Ill., July 17.—Many employees in the office of the secretary of state were told today that no assurance could be given them that salaries would be paid and that they would have to agree to work at the risk of not getting paid. A similar order was issued earlier in the week by State Treasurer Andrew Russell to all employees in his office affected by the injunction bills filed in the Sangamon county circuit court by Fayette S. Munro, acting for John Fergus, a taxpayer of Chicago.

State Auditor Brady's employees were told that they might remain at work under the same conditions. In fact every office in the state house with the exception of the office of Adjutant General Frank S. Dickson, has a number of employees working without assurance of remuneration.

"Twenty-one of my guards, who police the state house, were asked for their resignations as a result of these bills," said Treasurer Russell. "I explained the situation to them, and to a man they decided to continue to work and take a chance on their pay. It is necessary that the department heads inform their employees of the situation so that the employees, if finally deprived of their salaries, cannot sue the department heads."

No date has been set as yet for the hearing of the suits.

BRITAIN TOLD OF NEUTRAL RIGHTS

United States Not to Recognize Validity of Prize Court Proceedings Under Restraints.

Washington, D. C., July 17.—Secretary Lansing made public today a paraphrase of the note presented by Ambassador Page on July 14 to the British government to conserve the rights of American citizens in cases being tried by the British prize courts. It has no relation, he said, to the general note on contraband, still in course of preparation. The paraphrase issued by the state department follows:

"In view of differences which are understood to exist between the two governments as to the principals of law applicable in prize court proceedings in cases involving American interest, and in order to avoid any misunderstanding as to the attitude of the United States in regard to any such proceedings, the government of the United States informs the British government that insofar as the interests of American citizens are concerned, it will insist on their rights under the principles and rules of international law as hitherto established, governing neutral trade in time of war, without limitation or impairment by orders in council, or other municipal legislation by the British government, and will not recognize the validity of prize court proceedings taken under restraints imposed by British municipal law in derogation of the rights of American citizens under international law."

Street Car Service Resumed.
Providence, R. I., July 17.—Normal service was restored today on the trolley lines of the Rhode Island company throughout the state, after two days of almost entire suspension because of the strike of 2,499 union employees. Mayor Gainer will be chairman of a board of three arbitrators to whom will be referred wage and working conditions.

Lake Steamer Aground.
Chicago, Ill., July 17.—The lake steamer Arizona ran aground in a fog last night at the northeast entrance to Little Traverse Bay, Mich., and the 70 passengers were taken to Harbor Springs, Mich., according to a wireless report received here today.

Machinists Strike Monday.
Bridgeport Conn., July 17.—Because of refusal of the general manager of the Remington Arms and Ammunition company to deal with a committee of the machinists' union, it was announced today the machinists would strike Monday.

Five Killed by Bursting Shell.
Rochefort, France, July 17.—Five persons were killed and two others hurt by the bursting of a shell in the ammunition factory at Vergere, x, near here late yesterday.

GETS MEXICAN CITY BACK TO NORMAL



General Pablo Gonzalez.

Washington, D. C., July 17.—General Pablo Gonzalez, the constitutionalist leader who captured Mexico City from the Villa-Zapata forces, has thrown himself and his staff into the work of organizing a local government for a quick return to normal conditions, advises state.

Just outside Mexico City 300 carloads of food are waiting for the construction of a temporary bridge which will allow the trains to bring the supplies to the starving inhabitants.

General Gonzalez has published manifestos threatening death to looters and promising amnesty to former political and military enemies.

POSSE KEEPS ON BURGLARS' TRAIL

Masked Men Who Banned Assistant Cashier of Farmers' Bank in Iowa Still at Large.

North Liberty, Iowa, July 17.—Search for the two masked men who yesterday robbed the Farmers' Savings bank here, after having bound and gagged the assistant cashier, J. A. Cypra, was pushed with renewed vigor early today. Cypra was a leader in the posse which organized immediately after the affair became public, and spent most of the night in an effort to capture the bandits. It was feared, however, that they had succeeded in escaping, when it was learned that they had gone about the robbery with deliberation, in anticipation of a long chase.

Just before going to the bank the men stopped their automobile at a garage and took on a large supply of gasoline. It is not known how much cash was taken, but it was believed today the amount would not exceed \$1,000. The Farmers' Savings bank is affiliated with the Cedar Rapids Merchants' National bank, and it was the custom to daily transfer the funds to that city. The bandits apparently knew this and chose the time for the holdup accordingly.

The bank is a member of the Iowa Banking association and protected against burglary losses.

Des Moines, Iowa, July 17.—P. W. Hall, secretary of the Banking association, today placed association detectives on the North Liberty bank robbery case.

Brandon, Iowa, July 17.—An attempt of two men to rob the Farmers' Savings bank here last night was frustrated when they were engaged in a revolver duel by the town marshal.

They ran to a waiting automobile and escaped. From the fact that the bandits came here in an automobile, they are believed to have been the same ones who held up and robbed the Farmers' Savings bank at North Liberty, Iowa, yesterday afternoon.

The Farmers' Savings bank of Brandon is capitalized at \$18,000. J. D. Sweeney is president and E. E. Strait cashier.

ORDUNA ATTACKED WITHOUT WARNING BY TEUTON SUBSEA CRAFT; AMERICANS ABOARD

VILLA ANNOUNCES FRESH CAMPAIGN FOR TWO STATES

Torreón Placed in List of Prohibition Towns While Operations Are In Progress.

Washington, D. C., July 17.—First word that Americans are among the food sufferers in Mexico City reached here today. A dispatch from Consul General Shanklin, dated Thursday, said some Americans in Mexico City needed food. Unofficial reports say the Carranza authorities, despite their assurance of co-operation in relief measures for Mexico City have done nothing to get food there. Approximately 50,000 pounds of corn and beans are waiting at Vera Cruz.

Torreón, Mexico, July 17.—General Francisco Villa has announced that he will not wait for Carranza's commanders to make the first move. He has announced a plan for active campaigns in the states of Nuevo Leon and Coahuila and will attempt to reopen the coal fields about Monclova, Salinas and Barroteran.

General Raoul Madero, brother of the late president, arrived here yesterday from Paredon, a town east of Torreón, to confer with Villa. Madero, it was stated, will be in charge of the major operations east of here. Villa has given orders that repair work on the railroads to the coal mines will be expedited.

It was not believed by officials here that Obregon would attack the main army just south of Torreón for many days and perhaps weeks since Villa has destroyed a considerable part of the railroad between Torreón and Zacatecas. Villa believes that Obregon's line of communication is still interrupted, although General Rodolfo Fierro, who outflanked Obregon and took Queretaro, also is without communication with his base here.

Villa's artillery has arrived. It is under command of General Jose Maria Jurado and Manuel Saveria, although the latter now is in the hospital here being treated for a wound received in the fighting at Aguas Calientes.

Torreón has been placed temporarily in the list of prohibition towns. Villa ordered all saloons closed and promised severe punishment for any one detected selling intoxicants.

PASSES OCCUPIED BY ITALY FORCES

Two Determined Attacks by Austrians in Carnia Are Reported to Have Been Repulsed.

Rome, July 17 (via Paris).—A statement given out at the Italian headquarters, signed by Lieutenant General Count Cadorna and dated July 16, reads as follows:

"In the upper Val Camonica, the enemy having advanced through the Venerodol and Brizio passes, made an attack in force against our positions near Rifugio Garibaldi, but was repulsed with loss, leaving a few prisoners in our hands.

"Our troops, after driving back the adversary, occupied the two passes which are, as is known, at a height of more than 10,000 feet.

"In Caria, the enemy, profiting by fog and darkness, delivered, during the afternoon and evening of July 14 two determined attacks on Mount Coglin and Mount Pizzo Avostano. Both attacks were repulsed. The enemy's estimated loss was 53 dead, including one officer.

"In the Isonzo region the situation at Preppionny is unchanged. The enemy, by small attacks, especially at night and by heavy artillery fire, has continually sought to cause losses, to hamper our slow advance and above all to force our batteries to reply and thus reveal our positions."

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Unsettled weather tonight and Sunday, with showers. Not much change in temperature.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 73. Highest yesterday, 86. Lowest last night, 66. At 1 p. m. today, 86.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 1 mile per hour.

Precipitation, none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 67; at 7 a. m., 73; at 1 p. m. today, 45.

Stage of water, 7.2; no change in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

British Passenger Liner With 227 Souls Aboard Out of Liverpool.

SEVEN SHOTS ARE SENT

Steamer Is Followed for an Hour, the Shells Passing Over Her Decks.

New York, July 17.—William O. Thompson of Chicago, counsel for the industrial relations commission of the United States, was another of the Orunda's passengers who saw the attack on that vessel. He declared that he would write a protest to Washington, setting forth the details of the attack.

Mr. Thompson said the attack was deliberate, and pointed out that it was on a westbound liner, not heavily laden with cargo and carrying no ammunition whatsoever. The day after the attack the first cabin passengers adopted a resolution landing Captain Taylor for his pluck and skill.

Once before the Orunda faced destruction from a submarine. On this occasion, although she was not attacked, she flew the American flag, while passing through the Irish sea, a lead set by the Lusitania soon after the German decree declaring a war zone around the British Isles became effective.

New York, July 17.—The British passenger liner Orunda with 227 passengers aboard, 21 of whom were Americans, was attacked without warning by a German submarine at 6 o'clock in the morning of July 9, sixteen hours out of Liverpool, on her way to New York. Announcement of the attack was made by the ship's captain, Thomas McComb Taylor, and passengers, when the Orunda reached here today.

A torpedo was fired at the steamer and missed it by ten yards. Twenty minutes later a submarine rose to the surface, possibly a different submarine from the one that launched the torpedo, and for half an hour thereafter pursued the steamer, firing shells which whistled over the decks above the heads of passengers standing there with their lifebelts on.

Ten minutes before the attack a sailing ship with two American flags painted on her side was seen ahead. Captain Taylor became suspicious of this craft and began maneuvering his ship. Then came the attack, the first warning of which was the streak of a torpedo which whirled through the water and missed the Orunda's stern by ten yards or thereabouts.

Passengers Aroused.

Stewards ran below and aroused the passengers. With clothes hurriedly fastened haphazard, they made for the upper deck. There they were assembled near the bridge. Lifeboats were adjusted and life boats swung out. The crew stood ready to launch the boats. From a submarine off the starboard quarter there came a shell which kicked up a miniature geyser in the Orunda's wake.

Captain Taylor turned the stern of the ship toward the assailant and ordered full speed ahead. Within two to five minutes another shell, this time passing over the heads of the assembled passengers, was fired.

A third shell passed overhead and so close that it seemed to clip a lifeboat. Captain Taylor ordered the passengers to lie flat.

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MILLION BIBLES TO SOLDIERS IN RUSSIA

New York, July 17.—The American Bible society announced today that the empress of Russia has consented to the distribution among 1,000,000 soldiers of the Russian army of copies of the bible contributed by children of the American Sunday schools. The empress has approved the text of an inscription to be placed on each volume stating that the book was the gift of an American Sunday school.

Buzilal Cabinet Member.

Rome July 16 (via Paris).—Official announcement was made today that King Victor Emmanuel had signed a decree appointing Signor Barzilal a member of the house of deputies and a member of the cabinet without portfolio. The oath was administered to the new minister at the front in the presence of Premier Salandra, who went to the king's headquarters to request that the decree be signed.